



KINGSWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear School Community,

We have had an exciting start to the New Year and I am happy to share with you recent happenings throughout the district through my [Superintendent's News & Notes](#) and [January Board Brief](#). Should you have any questions regarding any of the information shared, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

Honoring Spotlight Students for January

We were pleased to honor the following students during this month's Board of Education meeting. To view the photos, click [HERE](#).

- **Middle School Students** (Team) – Ssamreet Kaur, Max Sroka (K); Avrie McDermott (I); Morgan Gallagher (N); Addison Tinges (G); Madelyn Bigwood (S); Jade Mathew (W); Kevin Magsam (A); Gabriel LaBar (Y)
- **High School Students** (Grade) – Dominic Traini (9); Daniel Kwong (10); Lorraine Richardson (11); Jack Gelato (12)



Seniors of the Month for January

Congratulations Seniors of the Month **Olivia Lewin** and **Jason Zheng**

Voice of Democracy Winner

Senior, **Madeleine Malesich** is our VFW Post 10886 first place winner for the 2022 Voice of Democracy Essay Contest with her essay entitled "Why is the Veteran Important." Madeleine also won first place at the VFW and district levels and third place in states.

Middle School Student Council Update

Middle School Student Council President **Nethiri Umashanger**, Vice President **Jude Palazzo** and Secretary **Olivia Ike** shared the many fun and exciting activities middle school students have been involved in.



Kingsway Recognizes Teachers and ESP of the Year

Middle School English Teacher, **Suzie Shakespeare** and High School Math Teacher **Mark Anderson** were recognized as the 2022-23 Teachers of the Year. Middle School Counselor **Antoinette Henry** was recognized as this year's Educational Support Professional of the Year. To read more about these outstanding educators, click [HERE](#).

Kingsway Welcomes Newest Dragons

Kingsway welcomed Custodians **Cal Patkso**, **Ken Copeland** and Middle School Paraprofessional **Suzanne**

Home of the Dragons

Pataro to the Dragon family!

KEA Donates \$3,000 to Kingsway Education Foundation

KEA President **Brooke Helmandollar** and **Shushana Rucker** presented Superintendent Lavender with a generous donation of \$3,000 to support the Kingsway Education Foundation (KEF). Proceeds will support student scholarships. To learn more about tax-deductible donations and how you can support our students, click [HERE](#).



2023-2024 School Calendar

The Board approved the [2023-2024 School Calendar](#), which is now accessible on our website under Calendars.



Navy JROTC Information Session

School officials are continuing to pass along information regarding Kingsway's new **Navy JROTC Program**. A parent information session was held recently and student information sessions are now being offered. To learn more about this exciting program or watch the virtual presentation, click [HERE](#).

Join Our Kingsway Family – Apply Now!

We are currently hiring a number of positions, including Bus Drivers, Cafeteria Staff, Custodians, Substitute Teachers and Special Education Teacher(s). To apply, click [HERE](#) or call (856) 467-3300, Ext. 4323 or email HR@KRSD.US.



Calling All Alumni

Kingsway Regional School District is looking to connect with its alumni to celebrate accomplishments, provide insight post-graduation to current students, share district news and events, and make sure to continue to remain #1DragonFamily after graduation. If you are interested in receiving information from the district, giving back by being a guest speaker, or just staying connected as a whole, please complete the form link below. This information will only be shared within the district unless otherwise noted on the form. [Click here to complete the form](#)

Look Ahead/Important Dates

Please update your calendars to include the following key dates... For more, click on the District's [2022-23 School Calendar](#) or the [Athletics & Activities Calendar](#).

- Feb. 3 – Junior/Senior Winter Formal
- Feb. 7 – High School Advisory Committee Meeting (KHSAC)
- Feb. 14 – Business & Leadership Academy Senior Parent Night
- Feb. 16 – Middle School African American Experience
- Feb. 17 – National Art Honor Society Empty Bowls Event
- Feb. 23 – Board of Education Meeting
- Feb. 24 – Kingsway Live!
- Feb. 25 – MathCounts SJ Competition; Indoor Color Guard & Percussion Competition



Thank you for your attention to this announcement. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.



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Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. Lavender". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" being more prominent than the last name "Lavender".

Dr. James J. Lavender
Superintendent of Schools



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